

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) ~~In a context association system for forming context associations between first and second objects that are stored in computer memory and are associated with each other based on user computer interactions~~[[, a]] A method of sharing computer objects[[,]] comprising:

storing in computer memory, association information relating to one or more associations between a selected object in a first computer space and one or more first objects in the first computer space, wherein the association information is determined automatically based upon prior interactions between the user and the objects in the first computer space, and wherein the objects are at least one of files, applications, contacts ~~and~~ or communications;

sharing the selected object and the association information from the first computer space with a second computer space, the second computer space including one or more ~~of the first~~ second objects that match the one or more first objects;

identifying ~~in the second computer space~~ the one or more [[first]] second objects in the second computer space; and

~~automatically sharing from the first computer space with the second computer space the~~ forming one or more associations ~~in the first computer space~~ between the selected object and the [[first]] second objects preexisting in the second computer space upon the sharing of the selected object and the association information from the first computer space to the second computer space.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising:
storing in the first computer space association information relating to an association between the selected object and the second computer space; and
determining whether the association between the selected object and the second computer space is of an extent greater than a predetermined threshold;
wherein the selected object is shared from the first computer space with the second computer space upon a determination that the association between the selected object and the second computer space is of an extent greater than the predetermined threshold.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1 in which the one or more associations between the selected object in the first computer space and the one or more first objects in the first computer space include an indirect association between the selected object and a particular first object, the indirect association including a direct association between the selected object and an intervening first object and a direct association between the intervening first object and the particular first object.

4. (Original) The method of claim 3 in which the second computer space includes the particular first object prior to the sharing of the selected object, the method further including automatically sharing from the first computer space with the second computer space the intervening first object, together with the direct association between the selected object and the intervening first object and the direct association between the intervening first object and the particular first object.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1 in which at least one of the one or more associations is unidirectional between the selected object the one of the first objects.

6. (Original) The method of claim 1 in which the selected object and the first objects include computer files.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1 in which at least one of the first and second computer spaces corresponds to a computer memory store.

8. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 in which at least one of the first and second computer spaces corresponds to an accessible space of computer objects that are accessible by a user.

9. (Original) The method of claim 1 in which the sharing includes copying the selected object from the first computer space to the second computer space.

10. (Currently Amended) Computer readable storage media that facilitate ~~In a context association system for~~ forming context associations between first and second objects that are stored in computer memory and are associated with each other based on user computer interactions, the computer readable storage media[[,]] comprising:

instructions for storing in memory association information relating to one or more associations between a selected object in a first computer space and one or more first objects in the first computer space, wherein the association information is determined automatically based upon prior interactions between the user and the objects in the first computer space;

instructions for sharing the selected object and the stored association information from the first computer space with a second computer space, the second computer space including one or more second objects that are respectively identical to one or more of the first objects;

instructions for identifying in the second computer space the one or more [[first]] second objects; and

instructions for automatically creating ~~sharing from the first computer space with the second computer space~~ the one or more associations ~~in the first computer space~~ between the selected object and the one or more [[first]] second objects in the second computer space.

11. (Previously Presented) The medium of claim 10 further comprising:

instructions for storing in the first computer space association information relating to an association between the selected object and the second computer space; and

instructions for determining whether the association between the selected object and the second computer space is of an extent greater than a predetermined threshold;

wherein the selected object is shared from the first computer space with the second computer space upon a determination that the association between the selected object and the

second computer space is of an extent greater than the predetermined threshold.

12. (Previously Presented) The medium of claim 10 in which the one or more associations between the selected object in the first computer space and the one or more first objects in the first computer space include a indirect association between the selected object and a particular first object, the indirect association including a direct association between the selected object and an intervening first object and a direct association between the intervening first object and the particular first object.

13. (Previously Presented) The medium of claim 12 in which the second computer space includes the particular first object prior to the sharing of the selected object, the method further including automatically sharing from the first computer space with the second computer space the intervening first object, together with the direct association between the selected object and the intervening first object and the direct association between the intervening first object and the particular first object.

14. (Previously Presented) The medium of claim 10 in which at least one of the one or more associations in unidirectional between the selected object the one of the first objects.

15. (Currently Amended) ~~In a context association system for forming context associations between first and second objects that are stored in computer memory and are associated with each other based on user computer interactions, a~~ A method of sharing computer objects, comprising:

storing in a computer memory, association information relating to one or more associations between a selected object in a first computer space and a second computer space, wherein the association information is determined automatically based upon prior interactions between the user and ~~the one or more~~ one or more objects in the first computer space, and wherein the objects are at least one of files, applications, contacts ~~and~~ or communications;

initiating sharing of the selected object from the first computer space with the second computer space;

determining ~~whether~~ an extent of the association of the selected object with the second

computer space is of an extent greater than a predetermined threshold; and
permitting sharing of the selected object with the second computer space if it is
determined that the extend of association of the selected object with the second computer space
is greater than a predetermined threshold; and
interfering with the sharing of the selected object with the second computer space if the
association of the selected object with the second computer space is not of an extent greater
than the predetermined threshold.

16. (Canceled)

17. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[16]] 15 further including automatically
sharing from the first computer space with the second computer space an association in the first
computer space between the selected object and a first object that is in both the first computer
space and the second computer space. .

18. (Original) The method of claim 17 in which association is unidirectional between the
selected object the first object.

19. (Currently Amended) Computer readable storage media that facilitate ~~In a context~~
~~association system for~~ forming context associations between first and second objects that are
stored in computer memory and are associated with each other based on user computer
interactions, the computer readable media, comprising:

instructions for storing in memory association information relating to one or more
associations between a selected object in a first computer space and a second computer space,
wherein the association information is determined automatically based upon prior interactions
between the user and the objects, and wherein the objects are at least one of files, applications,
contacts and communications;

instructions for determining whether the association of the selected object with the
second computer space is of an extent greater than a predetermined threshold; ~~and~~

instructions for permitting sharing of the selected object with the second computer space
if it is determined that the association of the selected object with the second computer space is

of an extent greater than the predetermined threshold; and

instructions for interfering with the sharing of the selected object with the second computer space if the association of the selected object with the second computer space is not of an extent greater than the predetermined threshold.

20. (Canceled)

21. (Currently Amended) The medium of claim [[20]] 19 further including instructions for automatically sharing from the first computer space with the second computer space an association in the first computer space between the selected object and a first object that is in both the first computer space and the second computer space.

22. (New) The method of claim 15, wherein the extent of association between the selected object and the second computer space is determined based on at least on an extent of association between the selected object and a user associated with the second computer space.